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REMARKS MADE BY PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER
CONCERNING THE EXPULSION OF BISHOP VOEGELI,
AMERICAN EPISCOPAL BISHOP, AND DUVALIER'S
ATTITUDE TOWARD AMERICANS

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QUESTIONED THE PRESIDENT'S
DECISION IN EXPELLING BISHOP VOEGELI, AMERICAN EPISCOPAL BISHOP,
BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS. DUVALIER REPLIED THAT HE
KNEW AMERICANS, AND THEY CONSIDERED HAITIANS TO HAVE THE
MENTALITY OF SEVEN-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN; THAT, IF ONE DEMONSTRATED
WEAKNESS IN THE PRESENCE OF AMERICANS, THEY WOULD DO AS THEY
WISHED. HE SAID THAT FORMER PRESIDENT ELIE LESCOT USED TO
FLATTER AMERICANS AND "BOW HIS HEAD" BEFORE THEM, BUT HE HIMSELF
WOULD PREFER TO DIE WITH HIS FAMILY RATHER THAN TO "APPEAR SMALL"

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BEFORE THE "AMERICAN DOGS." DUVALIER SAID THAT AMERICANS WERE "WICKED, HYPOCRITICAL JACKALS" AND GAVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN MACHINATIONS THE RECENT OVERTHROW OF GOULART IN BRAZIL. DUVALIER CONTINUED "THANKS TO GOD" HIS CIVIL MILITIA, PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, AND NEW ARMY, WHICH INCLUDED FAITHFUL OFFICERS SUCH AS GRACIA JACQUES, LUC PIERRE-LOUIS, GERARD CONSTANT, FRANCK ROMAIN, GUSTAVE SILVA, GABRIEL BRUNET, AND OTHERS, THIS WOULD NOT HAPPEN TO HIM, BECAUSE THESE MEN ARE "FANATICS READY TO DIE FOR DUVALIER."

2. DUVALIER SAID THAT BISHOP VOGELI WAS A FORMER DUVALIERIST WHO CHOSE NOW TO WORK AGAINST DUVALIER. [REDACTED] COMMENT: DUVALIER IS PROBABLY REFERRING TO VOGELI'S ATTEMPT TO PREVENT AN EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED HAITIAN PRIEST FROM JOINING THE MILITIA BY TRANSFERRING HIM TO ANOTHER POST.) DUVALIER ALSO SAID THAT THIS WAS NO LONGER THE PERIOD WHEN WHITES COULD DO AS THEY WISHED IN HAITI, THAT THIS WAS A NEW ERA; AND HE GAVE AS AN EXAMPLE THE FACT THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COULD DO NOTHING TO CASTRO.

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3. DUVALIER URGED [REDACTED] TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HIM, AS HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING. HE TOLD [REDACTED] HAITI WOULD SURVIVE AND THAT THE NAME OF DUVALIER WOULD REMAIN FOR A LONG TIME IN HISTORY, BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO DUVALIER, THERE ARE ONLY TWO GREAT

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MEN IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WHO CAN MAKE AMERICANS TREMBLE.
THEY ARE CASTRO AND DUVALIER. "IT IS UNFORTUNATE," DUVALIER
SAID, "BUT CASTRO DOES NOT WISH AN ENTENTE WITH ME."

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